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## DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP FOOD PRODUCT; the specification of which was filed on January 7, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/479,584 and was amended on .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature



Date March 20, 2000

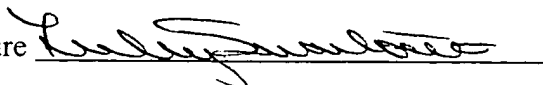
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Inventor's signature Joanne Tarhan

Date 4/3/00

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Citizenship: **U.S.**

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Full name of fourth inventor: **Micah Tsern**

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Date 3/16/00

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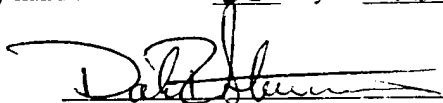
WHEREAS, We, Dale Stevenson, a United States citizen, residing at 4891 Casa Oro, Yorba Linda, CA 92886, Lesley Swartout, a United States citizen, residing at 969 Hawthorne Court, San Marcos, CA 92069, Joanne Tarhan, a United States citizen, residing at 24192 Bellerive Circle, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 and Micah Tsern, a United States citizen, residing at 13415 Verona, Tustin, CA 92782, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEEP-FRYING A CHIP FOOD PRODUCT for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, 09/479,584, January 7, 2000;

AND WHEREAS, Taco Bell Corp. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 17901 Von Karman, Irvine, CA 92614, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of March, 2000

  
Dale Stevenson

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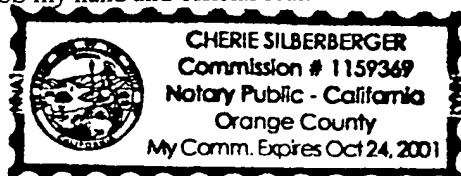
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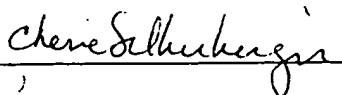
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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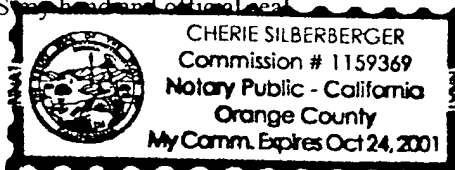
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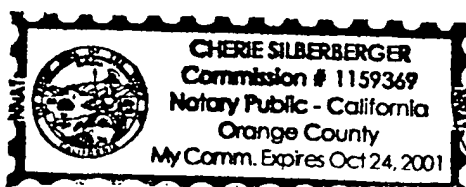
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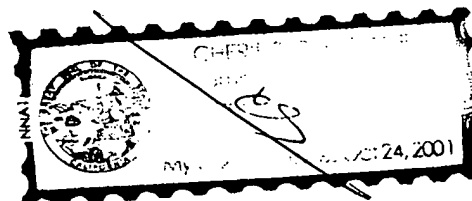
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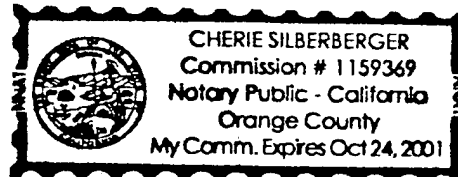
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